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School Committee

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School Committee

1777 -

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 29th Day 5. month 1777

The matter respecting the School was again considered, and the Committees Report, with their amendment, being twice read, & this Meeting having considered the importance, and usefulness of the Subject, do approve thereof, and appoint Thomas Steer, Moses Farnum, David Steer, Moses Brown, Ezekiel Comstock, Benjamin Tingle, Rufus Smith, Daniel Cass, George Smith, Samuel Aldrich, Gardener Earl, David Buffum, & Thomas Lapham Junr a Committee for said service, and recommend to each Preparative Meeting, & Friends in general, a Subscription in their speedom, to be paid to the said Committee, or such One of them, as they may appoint Treasurer of the School fund, & whom they may impower in the behalf of the whole Committee, to receive of the Trustees of Rachel Thayer, & their Successors & give discharges from time to time, for the whole of said income.

And as a further Sum than the immediate income of the School fund, may be necessary to procure a Suitable Master & keep up the School, till the annual income

(2) be increased, friends are also desired to give in their freedom towards the first year's Schooling ——

The Committee's report is as follows — Viz

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends, to be held at Smithfield, the 29th of the 5th Mo: 1777 —

We being appointed at last Monthly Meeting to consult upon a plan for a School, — Recommend that in future the Donation of Rachel Thayer deceased, be applied towards the support of a School within the Monthly Meeting, which we apprehend to be the intention of the Donor, when wanted for that purpose in preference to any other use: and tho' by the words of the Will there is liberty to use it for general Expences, as hath been the case, we think it best that in future it be solely reserved for Schooling, unless it should hereafter clearly appear to the Monthly Meeting to be really more wanted for other uses; as there is of the Poor, & those not in suitable Circumstances to School their Children, sufficient, we believe to take the whole. And as Schooling in general is much neglected in

in Society, owing to a want of suitable persons qualified to teach Schools, & a suitable care & concern for the education of the rising generation, we also propose to the Meeting to recommend Subscriptions to each Preparative Meeting, to contribute ~~forward~~ in their respective towards a fund, the income of which to be for the support of Schooling forever hereafter, and also towards the ~~expense~~ of Schooling the first year, to promote & encourage its speedy establishment. — And as we apprehend a useful School may be immediately established, with the help of the Donation mentioned, & such others as may be freely made to so useful & benevolent a purpose; We propose that a suitable Master be procured as soon as may be, to teach a School within the verge of this Monthly Meeting; that the Poor & such whose parents are not of ability to School there be taught therein, or elsewhere as may appear best, out of said fund; & that it be open to other friends to send to, they paying such proportion of the tuition money as the Committee may find necessary to keep up the School. — That there be a

a Committee of at least ten solid, judicious friends appointed by the Monthly Meeting, any Seven of which to be impowered to act; whose province it shall be to Conclude upon a place (after notifying each particular Meeting of the time of their Meeting to determine the same) & giving an opportunity to open the advantages of each place and to remove it to any other place or places, from time to time, as they may see it best: — To agree with Tutors: — To inspect the poorer sort of Friends families, & determine who are most suiteable to be schooled out of the fund raised, or to be raised: — To raise & forward subscriptions amongst Friends, for the support of the School or Schools: — To make & establish such Rules & Regulations as may to them appear Conducive to the furtherance of Learning, Morality, & with their Education, an attention to our Religious Principles: — To receeive of the Trustees of Rachel Thayer, & their Successors, the Income of her Donation, & give Discharges therefor: — And

And to Act, & transact every other Matter, &
thing, belonging to the School, in as full a manner
as the Monthly Meeting could: Said Meeting
reserving the right, & power of Direction, &
appointing others, in the Committee, and to Call
upon, inspect, & examine any, or all of them, by
Committees, or otherwise, as the Meeting may
hereafter think proper.

David Buffum
Job Scott
George Rindo
Antipas Earl
Thomas Lapham Junr.
Moses Farnum
Samuel Aldrich
David Steer
Elisha Thornton
Moses Brown

Here follows the proceedings of the School
Committee, mentioned by Name. pag 1.

At a Meeting of the School Committee
y.e 26.th of the 11.th mo. 1777

Present

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Present, Thomas Steer, Moses Farnum
Benjamin Arnold, George Smith, Samuel Aldrich, David Steer, Thomas Lapham Junr
David Buffum, & Moses Brown, who is appointed Clerk ——

After spending the afternoon upon the Subject of Schools, Thomas Lapham is desired to make inspection respecting the Number of Scholars likely to attend, & the price of board, such as send from a distance will have to pay ——

Adjourn'd to the Conclusion of the Meeting for Sufferings, to be held on the Second, Second day of next Month, at Providence ——

At a Meeting of the School Committee by adjournment at Providence, the 9th of the 12mo 77
Present, Benj.a Arnold, Moses Farnum, George Smith, Samuel Aldrich, David Steer, Thomas Lapham Junr David Buffum, & Moses Brown ——

Thomas

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Thomas Lapham reported that he found upon inspection, Places to Board fourteen Children, & that as many from the Neighbors as will make up twenty, or upwards, would likely be sent to School, whereupon Job Scott was agreed with to teach a School at the Lower Meeting House, in Smithfield to be paid Eighty hard Dollars or an Equivalent in Cloathing, or Other things, for One Year, to be paid Quarterly, & his Board to be found.

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the Conclusion of the Monthly Meeting, on the last fifth day of this Month.

The Committee met on the 26th according to adjournment. Present Thomas Steer, Benj.a Arnold, Moses Farnum, Samuel Aldrich, David Bursham, Thomas Lapham jun.r Gardner Earl, George Smith, George Comstock, David Steer, & Moses Brown.

The following Rules were Concluded on, subject to such Alteration, & amendations as may from

8 from time to time appear Necessary & a Copy is to be transcribed by the Master, & kept in the School, for the Scholars, their Parents, or those concerned to View, & to be read at the Admission of every new Scholar, or oftener if necessary +

adjourn'd

Rules for the regulation of the School

[illegible]

x Ordered that the following Rules be observed at the Academy, and that a Copy thereof be kept in the Master's

* N.B. said Rules were afterwards Ordered to be entered following another Minute. See page 12 & 13. for said Minute. tho' through mistake they are not so entered, but are by them to be found at the Front of their Book

Adjourned to the Conclusion of the next Monthly Meeting

29th of the 1st mo. 1778. Met by adjournment

Present, Thomas Noer, George Smith, David Bissam, George Comstock, Moses Swain, Thomas Chapman jun.r Benj.a Arnold, Samuel Aldrich, & Moses Brown.

The Matters respecting settling the priest Schooling, & some other matters were proposed, but the Day being far Spent, they are referred to the conclusion of the Meeting for Sufferings, or as soon after as may be, at the Old Meeting House, & in the meantime Job Scott admit such Scholars as, with the advice of such members of this Committee as can be conveniently had may appear best: and that Benjamin Lindley procure a Sufficient quantity of wood, till that time.

Adjourned to the time above Mentioned

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The 10th 2d mo 1778. Met by adjournment at Smithfield Lower Meeting house. — Present Thomas Steer, Benj.a Arnold, George Smith, Moses Farnum, Thomas Latham jun.r David Steer, David Bussum, Moses Brown —

Benj.a Arnold is appointed Treasurer of the School fund; who is hereby appointed to procure the wood, and to pay the Master, & his board quarterly; after receiving pay for the Schooling of the Scholars, of the persons who send them, at the rate of Nine pence pr week, in hard Money, who are to pay quarterly, or on their leaving the School, if before the quarter expire —

It is agreed that Scholars not of our Society may be admitted for the term of one quarter, when there is vacancies they observing the Rules of the School, & at the expiration of the quarter, may be green tered for another, if there does not present those who are Members

Society to fill the School, and that the
Master with such members of this Committee
as may be conveniently assembled, be impow-
ered to receive in & reject Scholars from time to
time.

The Meeting adjourned to the usual meet-
ing house in Smithfield at the 10th hour, the
morning after the conclusion of the next
Monthly Meeting

2d: Monday Adjournment. Present
Thomas Steer, Benj: Arnold, Moses Tompkins
George Smith, Samuel Aldrich, George Crafts
David Bucklin, Thomas Lapham, Joseph
Brown Esqr, Moses Brown, David Wheeler
Jesse Smith

George Comstock is agreed to be taken into
this Committee in future

Thomas Lapham who was desired to agree
with Samuel Arnold for the house & lot of
the Master reports that they have agreed for

It is agreed that the price of Corn be 2/6
per 1 b. for the first quarter, at which
price the Treasurer is to receive it in lieu
and Money, in order to raise the same, or to
pay to the Master of the Children ——

The Meeting adjourns to the Committee
on the next Monthly Meeting ——
the 26: of 3: mo. Att. Adjournment
and the day being spent, this Com-
mittee adjourns to the 4: day of next
week, at the lower Meeting-house ——
the 1: of 4: mo. Att according to
adjournment ——

Present,
Thomas Peer, Benj: Crowell, Moses
Brown, David Peer, Thomas Lawton jun.
David Buffum, & George Corliss ——

After conversing upon several matters
for the regulation of the School

And considering the Rules have not yet been recorded, it is agreed that they be entered after this Minute, with the Amendations as they now stand, & the Master is to transcribe a Copy, for the use of the School

Adjourned to the next monthly Meeting day, at the upper Meeting house, at the 9: hour in the morning

Met by adjournment, the 30: of the 4: mo. Present — Thomas Steer, Benjamin Chase, Samuel Merrick, Moses Brown, David Steer, David Buffum, Thomas Arnold jun: & George Sampson

Adjourned till to morrow morning, at Daniel Buffum's house, at the 6: hour

Met by adjournment the 1: of the 5: mo. 1778 — Present Thomas Steer, Benjamin Arnold, Samuel Merrick, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Gardener Sampson, Moses Brown, David Buffum, Gardener Sampson and

* N. B. By mistake the Minutes of the Meeting held at Providence the 3d of 3d mo. 1778 are recorded in the Book of Minutes for Smithfield & Cumberland Meeting

Mo. George Comfort

The School being already small, and a hope expressed the Scholars past to School being taken up for those who are coming out of the small-pox & Hospital to Cleanse, the number is likely to be still be small, and apprehension of danger, it is concluded to shut the School till the 6th mo. and that in the meantime Thomas Scott, & Hosp. Brown, George Comfort, & Gardner Coal, make enquiry what number of Scholars will be likely to attend the school, & also to Converse with the Neighbors & ascertain the Cost that at the close of the Monthly Meeting in the 6th mo. we may be able to conclude when the School may begin again; - Job Scott informed that his wages in the meantime cease - Moses Varnum is desired to settle with Benjamin Barrett for Schooling Lawrance Southwick's, Noah White's, & Joseph Mosher's Children, and ascertain the sum that the Treasurer is desired to pay.

And to qualify him therefor he is hereby impowered to receive of the Trustees of Rachel Hayer the income, or interest of the Monies in their hands belonging to the Meeting, & to give them discharges therefor ——

Adjourn'd to the 26: of 6: th Month, at Smithfield upper Meeting house, at the 9: th hour in the Morning ——

Met by adjournment —— Present Thomas Steer, Benjamin Spencer, Samuel Aldrich, Rufus Smith, Moses Tillinghast, David Brayton, Thomas Lapham, and George Comstock ——

Thomas Steer, & George Comstock report that by reason of Several hindering occurrances so near & at the time which was agreed upon by them, with Moses Brown, & Gardner Earl, for the Service they were appointed to, in the 5: th Month last, there has been nothing done in that

16) That a Pair (Moses Brown & Gardner Earle not present) and the same friends are continued for that service, & to report to the adjournment of this Meeting.

Moses Farnum Reports that he hath settled with, & paid Jaazaniah Barrel for Schooling the Children mentioned in the 3: mo last, 2.. 1.. 3: hard money: & Benjamin Arnold, Treasurer for this Committee, paid eight pounds, paper Currency, for two pounds, of hard Money, to discharge a Debt, where said Moses owed, which was to his acceptance & satisfaction

Adjourned to the day after the Monthly Meeting in the 8th Mo: at the 9: hour, at the upper Meeting-house in Smithfield

28: 8: mo. Met by adjournment

Present, Thomas Steer, Benj: Arnold, Moses Farnum, Rufus Smith,

Samuel Aldrich, Thomas Lapham jun.
David Steer, David Buffum, Moses Brown
& George Smith ——

It is concluded that the School begin
again at the Old Meeting house, on Second
day next, that the Board for the 3 months to
come, be 2/ a week, for a Child of 12
years Old, and to fall one Shilling for every
year under, to 6 years; & to rise one Shilling
for every year over, till 18 years — below and
above these ages not to alter ——

That the price of Schooling be one
Shilling, payable in hard Money, P. Week.

Thomas Lapham jun. & Moses Brown are
appointed to treat with Samuel Aldrich, or other
Neighbors, respecting the Board of the Master, & to
agree on a price ——

This Meeting is adjourned to the Conclusion
of next Monthly Meeting of business ——

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The 25th of 9th mo. Met according to adjournment
Present — Thomas Steer, Moses Farnum,
Rufus Smith, Moses Brown, Samuel Aldrich, Daniel Cass, David Buffum,
Gardner Earl, Thomas Lapham jun., &
George Comstock —

Moses Brown makes report, that he agreed with Samuel Arnold, to board the Master, at 6/ a week, for this quarter —

This Meeting adjourns to the Conclusion of next Monthly Meeting of business —

The 30th of 10th mo. Met by adjournment
Present, Thomas Steer, Benj. Arnold, Moses Farnum, Samuel Aldrich, Rufus Smith, David Steer, Moses Brown, George Smith, Thomas Lapham jun. Gardner Earl, David Buffum, & George Comstock —

The Day being far spent, this Committee adjourns to the Conclusion of next Monthly Meeting of business — 27

27th of 11th Mo: Met by adjournment, and no business appearing, the Committee adjourns to the conclusion of ~~[illegible]~~ the Meeting for Sufferings, next Month, at the lower Meeting house, at the 10th hour

At a Meeting of the School Committee, by adjournment, the 5th of 12th Mo. 1778

Present, Thomas Steer, Benj: Arnold, Moses Farnum, Reuben Smith, Thomas Lapham junr. David Buffum, & Moses Brown

Thomas Lapham & Moses Brown are appointed to treat with Samuel Arnold, & agree for the hire of the Master

David Steer now attends

Moses Farnum & David Buffum are appointed to use their endeavors to procure

School Masters or Mistresses to teach School
in Uxbridge & Northbridge & if they can
effect the purpose, direct such parts (as
they may think proper) of Joseph Mo-
shers & Stephen Aldrichs Children to
be taught therein, at the Meetings
expense. And also to see that the
Children of Lawrance Southwick &
Noah White have suteable Schooling
found them that the overseers of the poor may
unite with us to put them to ——

Adjourned to the Conclusion of the Monthly
Meeting, to receive the report of the Com-
mittee now appointed & do what other
business may appear necessary ——

Sixth Day

The 1: of 1: Mo: 1779. Met according to
adjournment & adjourned to the Conclusion
of next Monthly Meeting of business ——

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The 29th Met according to adjournment, and adjourn'd to the Conclusion of Next Monthly Meeting of Business

2nd 2: Mo: 25th Met & adjourn'd to the 3rd day after the second 2nd day in next month at the lower Meeting house in Smithfield

3rd Mo 9th day Met by adjournment

Present Thomas Steere, Benjamin Arnold, Rufus Smith, Moses Farnum, Moses Brown, George Smith, Thomas Lapham, David Buffum and George Cornstalk

Moses Farnum and David Buffum make report that agreeable to their Appointment they endeavoured to hire a School Master to keep School at Uxbridge and Northbridge and that they failed therein. But that the Children of Stephen Aldrich have had some Schooling from Sarah Aldrich and they are continued to see the Expence thereof settled

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And to endeavour to accomplish the other parts of their Appointment and report to this Comtte

Moses Brown and Thomas Lapham make report that they agreed with Samuel Arnold to board Job Scott the Master at 7/ a week for the Quarter last past and that the Amount of his Schooling over and above the first Quarter be taken out of the Second Quarter

Adjourn'd to the Conclusion of the Meeting for Sufferings in 7th Mo. next at Providence

At a Meeting of the School Comtte the 24th of 6th mo 1779 Present Thomas Steere Benjamin Arnold George Smith Samuel Aldrich Moses Brown Thomas Lapham David Steere David Buffum Moses Farnum & George Comstock

It appearing

It appearing that the Money due for Schooling is not all collected. and Samuel Arnolds acct. is not all paid. and Job Scotts unsettled. Moses Brown is appointed to collect the Money due from Friends and Benjamin Arnold that due from them not of our Society and pay the same to Samuel and Job when collected. and Report to our next meeting which is adjourned to the close of the next Monthly Meeting of Business

29th 1th mo Met by adjournment

Benjamin Arnold informs he has not fulfill his appointment of last Month. and he is continued to fulfill the same and report to our next meeting which is adjourned to the close of next Monthly meeting of Business

26th of 8th mo. met and acording to adjournt
and adjourn'd to the next day after the meeting for
sufferings in the 9th mo. at Providence

14th of the 9th mo. Several Friends met according
to adjournment & the Clerk being absent
& the indisposition of Body, there were not
enough of Members to make a Meeting, there-
fore no business was done

At a Meeting of the School Committee
at Providence 9th of 11th mo.
Present. Thomas Arnold, Benja Arnold, Samuel
Aldrich, Rufus Smith, Moses Brown
Thomas Lapham, David Rhoades and
George Crandall

Moses Brown makes report that he hath fulfill
his appointment of the 6th mo. last in collecting
the money due from friends and paid the same
to

To Samuel Arnold: And Benja Arnold makes report that he hath nearly fulfill his appointment of the 6th mo last in Collecting the money due from those not of our Society and therewith paying Samuel Arnold and Job Scot and he is desired to compleat the same and bring the acct thereof and all his other accts as Treasurer to the next meeting of this Committee

The season now advancing wherein people usually more incline to send their Children to School and no teachers being engaged for the service: Thos Lapham. David Buffum, Samuel Aldrich, Rufus Smith, Moses Brown and George Cornell are appointed to use their Endeavours to procure a suitable number of Persons to teach School in different parts of this Monthly Meeting. and make return of their Procedure therein to the adjournment of this meeting

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The Clerk is desired to write to friends at Richmond acquainting him of the advice of the Quarterly Meetings Committees and the Joint Sentiments of this Committee. that friends procure Schoolmasters of our fellow members in Society and avoid employing any others without the concurrance of this Committee which so long as it is practicable to get masters of our own members we cannot approve ——— Adjourned to the day after the conclusion of next Monthly Meeting of Business at Smithfield upper meeting house at the 9th hour ———

26th of 11th mo. met by Adjournment. Present more than seven members

Adjourned to the day before next monthly meeting at the upper meeting house in Smithfield at the 1st hour afternoon

The School Committee not meeting according to the last Ajournment by reason of the uncommon great Snow which made the roads impassible on horse Back. Did by Appointment meet y^e 28^th of 1^st mo. 1780. Present Thomas Store, Benjamin Arnold, Samuel Aldrich, Rufus Smith, Moses Brown, David Store, Thomas Lapham, George Smith, Moses Farnum, David Buffum and George Comstock

Benjamin Arnold makes report that he hath fulfill his Appointment of the Sixth month last and has paid Samuel Arnold and Job Scott and produced their Receipts in full, and he now exhibiting all his accompts as Treasurer the same are allowed and there remains in his hands

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2/6 hard money as Treasurer of the School fund

It appears by the Report of Friends appointed in the 11th mo last to procure School masters in this Monthly Meeting that divers Schools are now in being and that the Teachers have been engaged by particular Friends in a private capacity from whom they expect their pay without the help of this Committee unless their is some friends who have sent their Children whose low circumstances makes it hard for them to pay and Moses Tomkins and Rufus Smith are appointed to inspect that matter and make report to our next meeting

The Clerk makes report that he wrote to friends at Richmond according to his appointment of the 11th mo last

Thomas Steere David Bassnett

Moses

Moses Tarnum Moses Brown and Thomas Lapham are appointed to treat with Job Scott or some other Person and see whether one can be had to keep School for the year to come and on what Terms and at what place and to agree with him as they shall see proper and report to our next meeting

Adjourned to the day after the next meeting for Sufferings at Providence at the 10th hour in the Morning

At a meeting of the School Committee at Providence y 15th of 2nd mo 1780
Present Thomas Steere Benjamin Arnold Samuel Aldrich Moses Tarnum Moses Brown Thomas Lapham David Buffum David Steere and George Comstock

Moses Tarnum informs that he and Cutis

Rufus Smith have not accomplished the
business they were appointed to last month
they are desired to do the same and report
to our next meeting

The friends appointed to endeavour to engage a
School Master to keep School for the year
to come report that they have used endeavour
for the same but have not procured any

Adjourned to the day before the monthly
Meeting in the 3rd mo next at Smithfield
upper meeting house at ye 2nd hour afternoon

At the Monthly Meeting held at Smith
field the 26th of the 10th mo. 1780
The Matter of Schools being considered & the School
Committee reporting their proceedings to the Meeting
& some of them [illegible] a dissolution of the school
Committee, it [illegible] the following friends
[illegible] them [illegible] the following friends
to act Comfort Hussey Smith Daniel Hoxie

Jacob Arnold Antipas Earl, David Stew Daniel Anthony, Elisha Thornton, William Biffum Thomas Arnold, Jaazaniah Barrel, & Job Scott to succeed the former Committee. & to act in the Case of Schools as truth opens the way, & as near according to the former directions as they may be enabled

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the upper Meeting house in Smithfield the 27th of the 10th mo. 1780 — present Joseph Gongdon Rufus Smith Jacob Arnold, Antipas Earl, David Stew Daniel Anthony, Elisha Thornton, William Biffum, Jaazaniah Barrel, & Job Scott

Job Scott is appointed Clerk of this Committee; and Jacob Arnold Treasurer.

Our friends Jacob Arnold, William Biffum & Rufus Smith are appointed to endeavour a Settlement with the Trustees of Rachel Thayer, in regard to her Donation to Friends: to ascertain what Interest money is now due thereon, & to get so much of it, as can be got in hard money & give receipts therefor, & to Report to the adjournment of this Committee

Friends

Friends present are desired to make enquiry, each in his particular Neighborhood & adjacent neighborhood if necessary; what number of Scholars will likely attend School in said Neighborhood; where School may best be held, & what Children ought to be Schooled, or Extended out to School, either wholly, or in part, out of the School fund: to treat with such as may likely engage to teach School, & endeavor to know their terms, & to agree with such as any two of this Committee may think best, & report to the adjournment

adjourned to the day after (or at the Conclusion of next Monthly Meeting for business, as there appears best; if the day after at the 9th hour

11th mo. 1st Next by adjournment — Present Joseph Congdon, Reuben Smith, Daniel Borden, Daniel Anthony, Thomas Cartwright, Jacob Arnold, William Buffum, Elisha Mosher, Thomas Arnold, Jacob Barker, Job Scott, & David Coggeshall

The Friends appointed report that they have received Subscriptions to the amount of Twenty Pounds & find some encouragement of getting the interest thereof upon yearly donations, & therefore they are continued to fulfill their appointment &

ing Report to our next sitting

This Committee being informed that Samuel Aldrich & some other friends have without advising with any of the Committee hired a person not a member of our Society to teach a School among their Children. Therefore Elisha Thornton, Thomas Arnold & William Hunt are appointed to treat with all friends concerned in hiring him, & manifest this Committees disapprobation of such proceedings, & labor in love & tenderness to bring him or them to a sense of his or their error therein, & report to our next sitting

Rufus Smith, who was appointed with Moses Farnum deceased by the former Committee to conclude with the Schooling of Stephen Aldrich's Children last Winter at a School not approved by friends, and to be paid by the Committee, Reports that he thinks it right, inasmuch as Stephen has an encouragement that his Children should be schooled by Society

Agreeable to what was desired Friends report that they have taken some care respecting the keeping Schools in one of the neighborhoods, & that there is encouragement of having Schools in several of them

nevertheless each one is desired to continue their care according to the former directions in that respect, as need requiring, & report to the adjournment of this Committee.

Any two of this Committee are impowered to admit into our Schools such Children not being members, for whom application may be made, as they may think proper.

This Committee adjourns to the day of fix; or at the conclusion of next Monthly Meeting as then appears best; if the day after, then at the 9th hour.

At a Meeting of the School Committee the 25th of the 12th mo. 1780 in the Evening at Wm Buffums

Present, Joseph Congdon, Jacob Arnold, Rufus Smith, Daniel Wing, David Lee, Wm Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Benj. Lyndt, Jacob Barker, & Josh Scott.

The Friends continued at our last Meeting to attend for a Settlement with the Trustees of the Meeting Report, that there is a settlement of the Interest money, tho' the Principal is yet due: Therefore

[illegible] Com[illegible] are still continued to fulfil their appointment & report to our next Meeting. [illegible] Wm Buffington is desired to inform this Monthly Meeting, that the Widow of the [illegible] of said Deceased who is not a member [illegible] to be willing that this Meeting should appoint a friend in his [illegible]

Two of the friends appointed report that they have had some opportunity with both of the friends concerned in hiring a School Master who may not be in unity with our Society; who when the whole gave some satisfaction, but as they have not had an opportunity with Samuel Webb, Elisha Thornton & Wm Buffington are still continued therewith & to report to our next Meeting on that account.

By reports of friends appointed it appears that several Schools have been set up within the Compass of this Meeting, & several more appear likely soon to be set up — Friends are desired to watch over their care both as to the promoting sound learning & having some Eye towards their being well conducted agreeable to the Gospel Rules.

It is recommended to adjourn to about the time of the next Monthly Meeting in the 3d month next, at

a time that may be more convenient, unless special occasion requires our Meeting sooner.

Most of the Committee met according to adjournment at the conclusion of the Monthly Meeting the 22nd of the 2nd mo. 1781. but time being far spent & no business appearing urgent, concluded to meet the day before the next monthly Meeting at the upper Meeting house in Smithfield.

3rd mo. 29. 1781. As not enough Friends met yesterday to act business, according to adjournment. The Committee met this evening at William Buffum's.

Present. — Rufus Smith, Jacob Arnold, David Sisson, William Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Abijah Eddy, Daniel Hudson, Daniel Anthony, Thomas Arnold, Jeremiah Bassett & Jos. Scott.

The Committee continued to endeavour to accommodate with the Trustees of Rachel Thayer's report [illegible] & have made [illegible] with

with George Smith & 22£ 16s 3d rec'd of him
by Jacob Arnold Treasurer for this Committee & that paid
of Interest money due from him up to the 20th of the 4th mo. 1758
George has given his Note of hand for the Remainder & that there
is Reason to hope, or expect that he & Samuel Aldrich will
live long pay all the interest money due from them - And
William Buffum reports that he informed the monthly Meeting that
Luke Aldrich was willing a Friend should be appointed by the meeting
in his Stead, he being one of said trustees, but as nothing was
concluded on by the monthly Meeting, to be done in the Case,
Rufus Smith is desired to peruse it again & the meeting and also to propose
for Meeting
purpose to whether it may not be best to call in the principal as well as
Interest of said Rachel's Donation, in order to lay it out in Land:
and to report to our next setting.

The Friends continued report that they have treated with
Samuel Aldrich according to appointment, & that he appeared
in a Joyful gone disposition, & desires to keep the unity of
the Brethren, signified that he thot he should not live

a person who was not a member to teach a School ~~in future~~ again, without advising with friends.

By Reports of Friends present it appears that Several of Schools have been set up since the last report & that Divers of the poorer sort of Friends Children as well as others have been Schooled at them - - - - - - - -

Jaazaniah Barrel presented his account for Schooling and boarding poor Friends Children to the amount of £ 8-10-1

hard mony; i.e. the winter before last £ 1-9-4

last winter £ 6-9, which is allowed & the Treasurer is directed to pay the same

Daniel Aldrich's account for schooling

poor aldriches Children ~~poor~~ to the amount of £1-16-2½ was allowed and the Treasurer directed to pay the same.

the close of next Monthly Meeting by adjournment the 26th of the 4th mo 1701

The minutes not being present, & no urgent Business appearing this Comitte adjourned to the

Close of next Monthly Meeting. Held by adjournment the 31st day of the 5th mo. 1701 & time being farr spent, adjourned to the Close of next monthly Meeting

At a Meeting of the School Committee at the upper Meeting house in Smithfield, by adjournments the 29th of the 8th mo 1701 Present, Rufus Smith David Iffer William Buffum, Elisha Thornton Isaiah Barret, & Job Scot; Joseph Engden Jacob Arnold & Thomas Arnold.

This Committee having divers times met & but little urgent business appearing, made verbal adjournments from time to time till this time. - - - - - - - - - - -

Rufus Smith reported that he had revived the matter left in Charge with him in the 3rd mo. last which matter the meeting has taken Cognisance of - - - - - - - - - - - - -

William Buffum Reports that Samuel Aldrich has been settled with & has paid to him the said Wm all the Interest money due from him upon Rachel Thayers donation

up to the
being in the whole - - - - - £21-12-3

John & Thomas Eddys acct for boarding & Scholing Stephen Aldrich's Children last Winter to the amount of £ s
2, 9, 10
i.e. for 9½ weeks board ——— £2.0.11
and for Schooling ——— ——— „ 9„ 0
now allowed, & the Treasurer is directed to pay the same, taking their Receipt. Elisha Thornton is appointed to procure of Anthony Benezets Spelling Books & Primmers one dozen each, & distribute among poor Friend Children & report the cost & to whom distributed to a future sitting.

Friends present are all desired to make seasonable enquiry for proper persons to Teach Schools in the several Neighbourhoods in this Monthly Meeting; any two of said Friends are empowered to agree with such Tutors as they may think proper. They also desired to make inquiry inquiry in what

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held by adjournment the 24. 10: mo. 1781 at the upper Meeting House in Smithfield — Present, Daniel Aldrich, Rufus Smith, Joseph Congdon, Elisha Thornton, William Buffum, Jacob Arnold, Daniel Anthony, Jazaniah Barret & Thomas Arnold, who is appointed Clerk for this time.

Elisha Thornton Reports that he has procured the Books mentioned last meeting, & the amount of the cost thereof, being thirty shillings, the Treasurer is directed to pay him —

Samuel Aldrich's acct for Schooling Stephen Aldrich's Children was presented & allowed & the amount thereof, being one pound, eight & four pence the Treasurer was directed to pay him.

N. B. The above Schooling was done in the year 1779 & first of the year 1780 ——

Several Friends Reported that there was a prospect of several Schools being set up the ensuing Winter — And that One has been already set up at Providence — & as the upper

And increase of our Schools much depends upon their being Orderly Conducted, Friends of this Committee are desired to Visit them as often as may open & to advise & incourage the School Masters & Scholars, as well as friends, to Set them up —

This Committee adjourns to the Evening after the Monthly Meeting in the 12th month —

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at Smithfield by adjournment the 27th of the 12th month 1781 — In the evening at William Buffum's

Present, Joseph Congdon, Rufus Smith, Daniel Mowry, Antipas Earl, Jacob Arnold, Daniel Anthony, David Steer, William Buffum, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Arnold, Jaazaniah Barrit and Job Scott.

Divers Friends present report that there has been several Schools opened within the verge of this Monthly Meeting since our last Meeting, & that several more appear likely soon to begin, whereupon Friends of this Committee are desired to continue their care in regard to visiting &c. as directed at last Meeting; it appearing by reports that some thing of that kind has been done since then to a degree of usefulness

This Committee having divers times treated the Treasurer to pay the Schooling of Stephen Mowry's children and

And something further of that kind being now under consideration, & we not being fully acquainted with his outward circumstances, appoint Rufus Smith, William Buffum & Jacob Arnold to visit said Stephen & his Family, & to enquire into his ~~outward~~ circumstances & give such advice as appears best, & report to our next setting — Said Friends are desired to endeavor to have the company of some of the overseers of the poor in said visit; & with them if it may be, visit Seth Jenny & his Family, and acquaint themselves with his circumstances, & report to our next setting — And it appearing that the cases of such poor children ought to be known to this Society may be known to this Committee, Thomas Arnold, David Steer & Job Scott, as also the above appointed Friends, are appointed to enquire into the circumstances of such as they think proper, & to report as occasion may require —

This Committee adjourns to the conclusion of the Monthly Meeting in the 2nd month next —

the 28th of the 2nd mo 1782, at the close of the monthly Meeting

Met by adjournment and no business appearing was adjourned to the Evening of the day on which next Monthly Meeting will be held —

Met by adjournment at the close of the Monthly Meeting the 28th of the 3rd mo. 1782. and time being far spent, concluded to meet to morrow morning —

At a Meeting of the School-Committee, the 29th of the 3rd mo. 1782 — Present Joseph Congdon, Jacob Arnold, Antipas Earl, David Steer, Wm

William Buffum, Jaazaniah Barrot, &
Job Scott —

The Minutes of this Committee not being present, the matters contain'd in them are referd to our next setting.

An Acc: was presented from Benjamin Buffum, for Schooling Laurance Southwick's Children, equal to One, 14½ weeks, at 9 ℔. week mostly in the year 1781 — £ s d
— £0-10-10½
which is allowd, & the Treasurer is directed to pay the same taking his Receipt —

An Acc: from Seth Jenny, for Schooling three of his Children ten weeks, at 8 ℔. week in the 12th mo. 1780, and 1st & 2d mo. 1781 amounting to £ s d
£1-0-0.
was allowd, & the Treasurer directed to pay the same

This Committee adjourns to the conclusion of the Monthly Meeting next month.

Met according to adjournment, & adjourn'd to the conclusion of next Monthly Meeting

Met by adjournment the 31st of the 5th mo. 92

Present, Joseph Longdon, Daniel Mendenhall, Rufus Smith, Jacob Arnold, Abijah Evans, Elisha Thornton, William Boffum, Jonah Barrel, & Job Scott

The Committee to enquire into the circumstances of Stephen Mendenhall and Sarah Jenny, Report that they think their circumstances are such that it may be best for Society to pay for the schooling of their children

An Account was exhibited by Elisha Thornton for the schooling of Jonathan Longdon 9 weeks in which time he learned the art of Reading & writing to which was allowed and the Treasurer ordered to pay the

An Acct was presented by Job Scott for schooling of Jesse Longdon which was allowed to the amount of more than 3 Quarters for one Scholler at 15

Qr. ending ——— £2.16.0
which is allowed & the Treasurer is directed
to pay the same ———

An Acct. was presented by George
Comstock for the Schooling of Thank-
ful Baker, a member of our Monthly
Meeting, 7 weeks, at 5/ p. week 20 5-0
which is allowed and the Treasurer direct-
ed to pay the same ———

Jacob Arnold Reports that he has
received, as Treasurer for this Com-
mittee £25 12 3. of William
Buffum, the sum reported by said
Committee in the 8. month last year,
to have been received by him from
Samuel Aldrich as interest accru-
ing on part of Rachel Shaw's Donation
Loan to the close of the Month

a Monthly Meeting in the 8th mo next

Met according to adjournment, the 29th of the 8th mo 82. and no urgent business appearing; adjourned to the close of the next monthly Meeting

Met according to adjournment the 27th of the 9th mo. and adjourned to the 6th hour on the evening before next Monthly Meeting and friends are desired to attend in due season at William Buffums

31st of the 10th mo. 1782 — Several of this Committee met last evening according to appointment, but not enough to make a Meeting, by reason of the rain — therefore met this evening at William Buffums Daniel Aldrich, Reuben Hammond, Joseph Congdon, Obadiah Thornton, William Hammond, Daniel Southwick, Jonathan Hammond, Jeremiah Thornton, Obadiah Congdon

Met according to adjournment, but was prevented from proceeding for want of a sufficient number to be a

twelve weeks — £0 : 18 : 0
And Noah Whitel 7½ weeks — 0 : 7 : 3
according to — £0 : 19 : 3
which was allowed & the Treasurer directed
pay the same

She following was concluded to be laid before the next Quarterly Meeting by way of information and direction viz:

At a meeting of the School Committee the 31st of the 10th mo 1782

The Committee being informed with a view of the difficulty & two who attend School, together with the children under their care at home the Engagement & Duty as required by present School Law, arising from a neglect among Friends to appoint & instruct their children therein, (and

And from an apparent disposition in others to
submit to the Cross of to the Rules of
Society of Speech themselves, whose mean
Station & Conduct must be apparent
if duly attended to, who neglect they send
their Children to School are counteracting
at home the designation of the School;
wherefore this Committee is desirous that
said difficulties may be spread before the
Monthly Meeting, in Order that Advice
or Caution may be given, or such other method
taken therein, in order to remedy said Diffi-
culties, as to them may seem best —

To the Monthly Meeting —

Signed by order & on behalf of the
Committee — by Jabez Bell
Clerk —

This Committee adjourn to
the 3rd day before next Monthly Meeting
at the 3 hour at Williams Barnes
Not by adjournment the 2nd of the
11 month 1789 —

William Buffum, Job Scott, Benjamin
Barret, and Thomas Arnold, with Elihu
Thomas, and David Harvey, who were
appointed by that Monthly Meeting to
join the School Committee, to consult
upon the best method to remedy the
neglect above mentioned, & after a
long & weighty conference on the
subject being opened before the Commit-
tee, & several friends expressing their
sentiments freely, it was concluded that a short and plain account of
the necessity and usefulness of Friends coming
up to the uniform propriety above mentioned,
published and read among Friends, would
greatly tend to facilitate the labors of this
Committee, & promote the desired reformation &
Job Scott & Elihu Thomas be appointed to prepare
such a publication to be laid before the
Committee at their next meeting. Thomas also

[illegible] Monthly Meeting. That it is our
[illegible] judgment, that it would be
[illegible] for the Monthly Meeting to give
[illegible] in charge to the visitors this year, to labor
[illegible] for a regulation in that respect, as truth
[illegible] may require. the way in which case [illegible]
[illegible]

This Committee adjourns to the
fifth hour in the afternoon of the day
before next Monthly Meeting at
William Boffen's.

The Minute of the Meeting in Consequence
this adjournment not being found, a blank
in the Records is occasioned, but I believe
the Committee only Met and adjourned to
the time specified in the next Minute.
Jos. Scott Clk.

At a Meeting of the School Committee
the 26th of the 2nd mo. 1788 — Present
Daniel Aldrich, Rufus Smith, Josiah
Snow, Daniel Anthony, William Buffum

Ephr Thornton, Jaazaniah Barret

The Clerke not being present, Jaazaniah Barret is appointed to write for this time

Jaazaniah Barret presented an Acc.t for Schooling Lawrence Southwick's Children equal to Schooling One, 6 1/2 weeks: £,0.6.6.
And Joseph Mosher's Children
equal to One, 19/6 weeks — 0.19.6
also Edward Southwicks Children
equal to One, 17/4 weeks — 0.17.3

amounting to — 2-3-1
which The Treasurer is directed to pay

One of the Committee to make a Draught of something to stir up Friends to the performance of the plain Scripture Duty of Family Worship and report that they have begun one, which is not compleated

The Committee adjourns to the Conclusion of the next Monthly Meeting in next month

At a Meeting of the School-Committee

the 27th of the 3d mo. 1780 — at the upper Meeting House in Smithfield

No Urgent business appearing that can be acted upon usefully at this time — the Meeting is adjourned to the day before next Monthly Meeting, at the 2nd hour afternoon, at this house —

At a Meeting of the School Committee at the upper Meeting-House in Smithfield, the 23d of the 4th mo: 1780 —

Present, Joseph Gordon Jacob Arnold, Rufus Smith, Daniel Aldrich, Daniel Anthony, David Steer, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Arnold Job Scott & Jazaniah Barret,

Moses Brown & David Jarvis attended as part of the committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting some time past to join the School Committee in trying to hit upon something that might be likely to forward a reformation among friends, in regard to the use of plain Language with propriety — Two Sets of papers being produced by the Committee who were specially appointed out of this Committee

(on that occasion, & read in this Meeting. The matter is again referd under the Care of the same Committee who are desired to attend to the compleating of this appointment, & report to our next Meeting.

This Committee adjourns to the 9th hour, in the forenoon, on the day of our Monthly Meeting in the 5th mo. at this house.

5th Month 29th = 1783 — Met by adjournment.

Present, Joseph Congdon, Jacob Arnold, Rufus Smith, Daniel Aldrich, Daniel Anthony, Jazaniah Barrel, Job Mott, Elisha Robbins, Antipas Earl & Thomas Arnold.

Moses Brown attended as one of the Committee appointed to assist the School Committee.

The Committee appointed to prepare something in order to encourage & stir up Friends to more Care & Circumspection as to the proper Use of the plain Language, having made some alterations in the Draft, laid before our last Meeting, The same was read in this Meeting & directed to be laid before the Monthly Meeting.

for their Confiscation & disposal —

This Committee adjourn to the day on which our next Monthly Meeting is to be held, at the 8th hour in the forenoon.

N.B. Friends of this Committee did not make out to meet according to the last adjournment; & before the next Monthly Meeting after that to the day on which this Committee adjourned; the Monthly Meeting was divided.

At a meetg. of the School Comtee. the 12th of the 12 mo. 1793 at Smithfield upper Meetg. House. Present Wm. Buffum David Lowry Enoch Sture Benja. Pearce Walter Allen & Chad. Smith.

After Conversing on the Subject of Schools & nothing Material Presenting, it is thot best to adjourn & Procure the old Record Book of the Doings of the School Committee heretofore in the Monthe Meetg. And it is

is agreed to adjourn to the first fifth Day in the first month at this place.

At a Meeting of the school Committee by adjournment the 2d. of the 1st mo. 1794

Present. Wm. Buffum David Mowry Enoch Store Benja. Pearce George Smith Jr. & Chad Smith.

The Book being produced that the doings of the school Committee, hath been kept in, But nothing, been Recorded, by the Com'tee In about Ten Year.— It is thot best that the Doings of the School Committee, In Futer be preserved & Recorded; As the Education of our youth, Appears to be a matter of great Importance.— No further Busines appearing at this time, It seems best to adjourn to the first fifth Day in the Second Month at this place.

At a Meeting of the school Committee by
Adjournment the 6th of the 2d mo 1794.
Present David Mowry Benj.a Pearce
& Chad Smith The smallest part of the
Committee being present. It is thot
best to adjourn to the close of the next
Monthly Meeting in the 3d month.

At a Meet.g of the school Comtee at
the Rising of the Monthly Meeting 27th of
the 3 mo 1794 - present - Wm Buffum
David Mowry Benj.a Pearce George Smith Jr.
& Chad Smith. Time being so far spent
no opportunity for Buying. It is thot best
adjourn to the close of the Meeting here
next fifth Day.

At a meet.g of the school Committee
the 3d of the 4th mo 1794 by adjournment
Present Wm Buffum. Enoch Lee
Benj.a Pearce & Chad Smith

After conversing on the Subject of Schools some time & giving some advice It is thot best the Comtee attend the school that Afa Thomas hath lately set up, In order to be more fully Satisfied how & in what Manner Afa's School may be Kept. — And It is agreed for the Comtee to attend P. School, on the Seventh Day of the Week After the next Preparative Meet.

At a meeting of the school Comtee Met at Afa Thomas's School the 19th of 4th mo 1794

Present Wm Bell, George Smith Jr. Benja Pearce & Chas Smith. After spending the afternoon in Afa's school & after school conversing with Afa, It is thot best he continue his school at present. — The committee adjourns to the close of the Monthly Meeting on the 5th of

At the close of the monthly Meeting in the 5th mo Time being so far spent the Committee Did not Meet — But have been

seen mostly together several times; between
then & this time 24 of 1st mo. 1795 When
Wm. Buffum David Mowry Enoch Steere &
Chad. Smith. met at Elisha Thornton,
school & spent a little time in ye school
& after school conversed an School a little.
We think we'll to let the Monthly
Mtg. see our small attention to the
Busiey the year past.

Agreeably to the Recomendation of
the yearly Meeting in the 6mo 1800
for the more General Institution of
School Education, and Especially
that the poorer Sort of Friends might be
more benifited thereby, than hath been
before seen the Case. Whereupon
Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the 2d
month 1801 appointed

James Smith Jonathan Hawes
George Smith Walter Allen Jesse
Bailey & Joseph Bartlett a School
Committee to Encourage & promote
the Education of Youth
with Effect — Whereupon they proceed and
meet accordingly the 2nd of the 3rd Month
following & Chuse Silas Gould
And Walter Allen a Committee
the Committee — and N. Committee being
informed that certain persons Intend
agreed with Charlestown Street to Erect a
School for the Instruction of Youth
Committee two at Charlestown & two
Stony Hampton — Where upon the
the Approbation of this Committee is taken
under Care — It is proposed that a
School be kept for a time at George Jones's
Dwelling House at Joseph Bartlett's
South Charlestown Samuel Gould
are appointed to take Care thereof & report
to a Meeting of Monthly —

on Wednesday the 20th Day of
September Instant at Lawrence and that
we adjourn to Lawrence to hold another
Court in some other Meeting house
as may appear.

This Court adjourned to the close of
the next preparative Meeting

The Day on which the annual
Committee agreed to meet at Lynn
which being omitted Caring their
Creation. The Committee to meet by the
adjourned time.

And that the Committee being
appointed at Glocester the 20th of
9th Mo. 1801. and freely conversing
on the Subject — a little hope is
afforded that some Settlement may
be obtained thereby — in Consequence of
which we adjourn to the 8th day
of the ensuing Month at Newbury
at Some Meeting House there — at which
time the Committee is Desired Generally to
meet

28 Day first of the Committee
Met agreeable to adjournment
and George Smith informing that
the School proposed to be kept at his
House has been under the Care and
Tuition of Hannah Calburn to be
kept [illegible] Months
and George Smith Likewise informs
that two of Joseph Bartlett's Children
are placed at that School for the pre-
sent, agreeably to the Monthly
Meetings proposition with Respect to
Board &c. ——
And also that application hath
been Made by David Daniels for
the admission of two of his Female
Children into s^d School, Which the
Committee agreed to — provided they
attend to the Regulations thereof ——
adjourned to meet at the House of
two Weeks hence, of the meeting ——

6 month may next by adjournment. present a few of the Committee being informed that Hannah Brown my Daughter of Richland is at Liberty & is willing to teach a School in the Neighbourhood of Woomsocket and Smithnew Committee Conclude to visit the S. Hannah after the Closing of the Ensuing Yearly Meeting which he proposes to attend to agree with her on terms and bring it forward for the approval of the Walter Allen agree to procure Suitable for the School to be kept in

accordingly the School Commences in the 6th month following for three months and being once visited by part of the Committee Ended to Satisfaction in the Ninth month Last.

adjourned to meet at Plainfield in the Fifth month in preparation Meeting Day

Met at Gloucester at the appointed time, and the Committee not being all or near all present, adjourned to meet the Day preceding our next Monthly Meeting at the 3rd hour in Smithfield accordingly met at the time and place appointed & the Committee being Generally present treated freely on the Subject of Schools. — Knowing the Season to be advancing in which Winter Schools must of Course be Established either in Society or out — and being desirous that the best Steps may be taken to promote the end in view — propose to Inform the monthly Meeting that we at present are not able to make any advance towards Winter Schools without Some additional strength therefrom — Therefore the Clerk is Directed to make a Statement thereof to the monthly Meeting to be held to morrow — Information being at this Meeting Received that the two Little Schools at Gloucester and Woodbury are about Concluding to the Satisfaction of the Committee and also to the families more particularly Concerned. — adjourned to the Close of our next preparative Meeting at this place.

19th Day met by adjournment at Smithfield
the Committee all present — with several other friends
and altho but Little Strength was afforded
by the Monthly Meeting, yet feeling Openings
that the Object might not be lost, found
Freedom to advise and Encourage friends in
their Different Neighbourhood to set up little
Schools for the present Winter. ——
and to propose to meet again at the Close
of our Monthly Meeting in the 12th Mo Next.

1815) 1st mo 31st At a Monthly Meeting
of Friends held at Smithfield
Benjamin Pierce & Jo Battey Chas
Smith Seth Kelly Rhoades Tatham
& Abigail Dunham were appointed
a School Committee for the ensuing
2 mos 28 Met at Eli the Thornton's present
four of the Committee after a free consul-
tation upon the subject of Education
it was agreed to report to the Monthly

Meeting in the 3rd mo. a proposition
to raise a sum of money by subscription
to establish a permanent fund
to be appropriated to the support of a
Monthly Meeting School
adjourned to meet at Woodbridge
at the rising of the meeting on 4th
day the 24 of the 3rd mo.

24 of the 3rd mo. met by adjournment
present 8 Members after examining
some draughts of reports adjourned for
further consideration thereof to the morning
of next Monthly Meeting day then
to meet at Woodbridge

3rd mo. 29. Met accordingly present 9 Mem-
bers agreed to submit the following
report for the consideration of this
Monthly Meeting which was submitted
accordingly

One of the Select Committee informs that some time has elapsed for which the school Committee was appointed and they having met once since their appointment and advised Means to encouragement to primary schools in their Neighbourhoods which after being considered this Meeting appoints Amos Whitcomb Daniel Newman Samuel Smith Chas Smith Jerry Bailey James Clemence Jr. Newman and Benton Bullock a School Committee for the year ensuing who are to attend to this Meeting

Extracts from the Minutes of Smithfield Monthly Meeting held the 12th of the 8th month 1818.

At a Meeting of the School Committee
on the 23d of the 11th Month all
that was expected except one Witness
at last that a regular Election of the
Committee be attended to & a Record
kept I wrote to visit the Grammar
Schools which was done the 25th & 26th
by Betty & about which to visit
the Schools and keeping of Records
Districts School house for adjourn
to the rising of the next Month Meeting

Extract from the minutes of Smithfield monthly meeting held 25th of 12th mo 1817

Wm Buffum Jr, Rowland Rathbun, Daniel Inman, Shadrach Steere, Seth Tilly, Job Chase, Wm Almich & Otis Bartlett are appointed a School committee for the ensuing year, at the expiration of which, to report to this meeting.

5th mo 8-1818 - Met at Rowland Rathbuns. present all the com^te except one. - We appoint Wm Buffum Jr Clerk of the com^te

We appoint Daniel Inman, Rowland Rathbun & Wm Buffum Jr to visit the widow Abigail Mowry & family, & make enquiry respecting the opportunity of the children - may to acquire a suitable education and

and report to the next meeting of this committee —

We adjourn to meet again at Otis Buttetts - in the afternoon of the first first day in the fifth mo. next ——

5th mo. 3 - 1818 Met by adjournment - Present four of the committee —

The committee appointed at our last meeting to visit the widow Abigail Howy & family — made report that they had attended to their appointment - & gave such advice as the case seemed to require - & that their circumstances were such as in the opinion of the committee - will not require the particular attention of the School committee at present.

We adjourn to meet again at the close of our next Monthly meeting —

11th Month 29 - 1818 -

Met at Otis Bartletts - present Six members -

The committee being informed that James Thornton expects to commence a School at his mothers - in a few days & that Job Chase expects to have a school kept in his house - we conclude to meet at Rowland Rathbuns on fifth day - after next preparative meeting at Smithfield - at ten O'Clock in the forenoon in order to visit those two schools if they are then in operation ——

The members of the committee having been informed that one of the above Schools did not commence - & circumstances rendering it inconvenient for several of them to attend - at the time abovementioned the meeting was omitted ——

At Smithfield Monthly meeting
1st Month (1819 - The same friends
were continued a School Committee
for the ensuing year & John Osborne
& Peleg Mowry were added

At a meeting of the School Com-
mittee at John Osborne's (2m 7 (1819
Present Six members -

After reading a Paragraph of disci-
pline & taking into consideration the
situation of friends Children within
the limits of this monthly meeting -
it is concluded that the members of the
Committee who are now present, make
further inquiry and if there are any chil-
dren that appear to need the attention
of this committee that they report their
names at our next meeting

We adjourn to meet again at Smithfield
Bank the first 7th day in the 4th mo next at half
past 4 O'Clock

4th Month 3d met according to adjournment - present four members Nothing particularly claiming our immediate attention we adjourn to the close of our next monthly meeting -

6th mo 6 (1819) -

Met at Wm Burtis's - present six members - It appearing from information received from some of the committee - that there are some children in Burrillville who are not in a way to acquire a suitable education - we conclude to meet at Burrillville meeting house - on first day - 27 Inst.

Adjourned

After the above - some of the committee met together on the subject of our appointment several times but nothing material done -

1st m° 1820 - Met at Wm Buffums
present seven members -

We adopt the following report to
next monthly meting -

To Smithfield Monthly meting 1st m° 1820

We your School committee report -
That in pursuance of our appointment
we have met several times and conferd
on the duties committed to us - and made
enquiry respecting the situation of friends
Children throughout the monthly meting
And find them generally in a way to re-
ceive a tolerable degree of School learn-
ing, though not in all cases in the
way most consonant with our Discipline -
And are of opinion that more attention
to the subject than has been manifested
would be very usefull - And we also
believe that the Interest of the donation
of Rachel Thayer to this meeting might be usefully
expended - in assisting towards the education
of some children within our limits -

Signed by Job Chase
Daniel Inman
John Osborne
Peleg Mowry
Rowland Rathbun
Otis Bartlett
Wm Buffum Jr

At Smithfield Monthly meeting of Friends - 1st month - 1820 -

The same Friends were continued a school committee for the ensuing year - with permission to use the Interest of the Donation from Rachel Thayer - in schooling - if necessary.

In the several meetings of the Committee in the Course of the year it was not thought best to record the proceedings of each separately - & the following minute will explain what was accomplished. -

1st mo 21 - 1821 -

Met at John Osbornes - present Eight members -

The following report to the Monthly meeting was prepared and adopted - Viz -

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held 1 mo 25 — 1821 —

We your School committee have met several times at convenient intervals in the course of the year, and endeavoured to pay such attention to the object of our appointment as circumstances seemed to require — We have expended Eight dollars Seventy-three cents in Schooling such children as needed our assistance — And recommend that the Interest of the donation recd from Rachel Thayer be continued at the disposal of the School Committee

Job Chase
Daniel Inman
Rowland Rathbun
William Mowich
Zeley Mowry
John Esterbrook
Otis Bartlett
Asa Dustan Jun

At Smithfield monthly meeting held 1 mo. 25 - 1821 - The same friends were continued a school committee for the ensuing year. —

7 mo. 1 - 1821 Met at Wm. Buffum's
Present Eight members — Dan'l Inman is appointed to procure suitable schooling for the children in two families in his neighborhood, who are considered in a situation to need assistance herein.
And Shadrach Steere is appointed for the same purpose for two families in his neighborhood.
And they are requested to present Accounts of the expences they incur to a meeting of this committee when the object of their appointment is accomplished. —

We adjourn to meet at the close of the monthly meeting in the 8th mo. next —

N.B. The meeting did not take place agreably to this adjournment

12 mo 2d - 1821 Met at John Osborne's -
Present five members. - Danl Inman
informs, that he has expended in school-
ing - agreably to direction at our last
meeting twelve Dollars - which is ordered
paid -

We are informed that Shadrach
Steere has expended according to appointment
Seven dollars - & twenty three cents - which
is directed to be paid. -

Having spent some time in consultation
upon subjects connected with the
object of our appointment, we adjourn
to meet at Otis Bartletts on the
first day, before preparative meeting
in next month. -

1st mo 20 - 1822 Met at Otis Bartletts
Present Seven Members -

We adopt the following report to the
Monthly meeting.

To Smithfield Monthly meeting - to be held 31st 2nd Inst -

We of your School Committee Report - That we have expended $19.28 within the last year in schooling Children who needed our assistance. -

There remains unexpended of the money appropriated to our use $12.04 And there are four Children now at School at our expence - We have paid such attention as appeared requisite to the several duties of our appointment -

Signed by Job Chase
Dan[l] Inman
Shadrach Steere
John Osborne
Peleg Mowry
Otis Bartlett
Wm Buffum Jr

Smithf[d] 1 m[o] 20 - 1822

At Smithfield monthly Meeting
1 mo. 31 - 1822 - The same Friends were
continued a School Committee with
the addition of Arnold Buffum &
Peleg Mowry —

5th mo. 12 - 1822 Met at R. Rathbuns
Present 10 members - One of the com-
mittee informs, that there has been
expended in schooling the four
Children - who were at school at
the time of our last meeting - five
Dollars - 46 Cents - which is directed to
be Paid —

Daniel Inman is appointed to procure
suitable schooling for the Children of
one family in his neighbourhood —

And Dan'l Inman and Arnold Buffum
to visit one other family and afford
such assistance and advice as appears
necessary —

Shadrach Steere is appointed to school
such Children in Burrillville as appears
necessary - & all to report at a future meet-
ing, the expence incurred —

We adjourn to meet at Arnold Buffum's the 23d Instant -

5 mo 23 - 1822 - Met at Arnold Buffums

Present Six members -

There being a number of Friends Children at the schools kept in this neighbourhood, by John Thornton and Wait Allen - We visited those schools and were pretty well satisfied with the appearance and management of them,

And are of opinion that Friends may properly send their Children to them when convenient. -

The members of the Committee are requested to visit such schools in their respective neighbourhoods as are kept by members of our society, or to which Friends Children are sent - And give such advice as to them may appear necessary and report to our next meeting.

We adjourn to meet at John Osborne's on the day of Preparative meeting in the 8th mo next

8th mo 22 - 1822 Met at John Osborne's

Present four members. — We again visited the schools in this neighborhood to satisfaction. ———

We adjourn to meet again on the first day following the monthly meeting in the 10th mo next at Wm Buffum's.

11 mo 3 - 1822 Met at Wm Buffum's.

Present Seven members -

It appears that there has been expended in schooling the children of two families in Smithfield - Seven dollars & of two families in Burrillville, three dollars & 17 cents - which sums are directed to be paid. —

It appearing that a Daughter of Paul Smith, now living in Scituate - needs assistance in schooling. - John Osborne is requested to write to the person with whom she lives - to ascertain whether she can be suitably schooled there - by our paying for the schooling for six months

And if so to make an arrangement that she may commence as soon as practicable —

Adjourned to meet at Rowland Rathbun's on the evening of the 7th Inst.

11 mo 7 - 1822 Met at R. Rathbun's

Present five members —

After attending to such subjects as claimed our attention - we adjourn to meet again, at John Osborne's on the second first-day in the first month next.

1 mo 12 - 1823 - Met at John Osborne's.

Present Six members. - The following report to the monthly meeting - was prepared.

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting - 1 mo 1823

We your School committee report -

That we have met from time to time through the year - visited some schools which are attended by

the Children of Friends - And endeavoured to attend to the several duties of our appointment -

We have expended Fifteen dollars & eighty six cents - in schooling Children belonging to this monthly meeting -

There remains unexpended - fifteen dollars & fourteen cents - of the money appropriated to our use -

We recommend the Continuance of the Int. of the Donation from Rachel Thayer - (with the above $15.14) at the disposal of the School Committee —

Signed on behalf of the Committee
by Rowland Rathbun

At a meeting of the School Committee at Rowland Rathbuns 3d mo 2d 1823 - Present eight members. —

The selection of a Scholar to receive the benefit of the Charitable fund at the Yearly meeting boarding School, at Providence - having been referred to this Committee - It is concluded to recommend to the mo meeting - to send Samuel Shove Junr for three months. —

We adjourn to meet at John Osborns the first day preceeding the mo meeting in the 4th mo next -

At a meeting of the Committee at Arnold Buffums 6 mo 1 - 1823 —
Present Eleven members ——

Buffum Chase presented his Acct for Schooling Children at Burrillville Amounting to fifty nine cents - which is directed to be paid -

It is concluded to pay the schooling of such children as can attend school of the families of Buffum Chase, Burgess T. Chase, Jos. Ballou Ruth Clemence and Howland Hadc.

Also of Amey Smith - daughter of Paul Smith.

We conclude to propose to the mo meeting to continue Sarah Shove Jr. at the Yearly meeting school - (on the charitable fund -) for three months longer

We adjourn to meet at Otis Bartletts on first day after the mo meeting, in the 9th mo next. -

9th mo 4 - met at Otis Bartletts
Present ten members

Buffum Chase presented bills for schooling children at Burrillville - Amtg to Eight Dol. & thirty nine cents - which is directed to be paid

We agree to appropriate ten dollars to pay towards the schooling of Elijah Smith at the Yearly meeting boarding school ---

In Considering of a scholar to receive three months schooling at the Yearly Meeting boarding School We conclude to propose to the mo meeting to send Ruth Howe ---

We adjourn to meet at John Osborns - the first day after the mo meeting in the 12th mo next.

At a meeting of the School committee at John Osborns 12 mo 28-1823- Present Eight members

Daniel Inman presented his Act for schooling Zebulon & Sprague Children to Amt of $3.84- And Provided Chase, heir for schooling, Children of Buffum Chase, Dayess. J. Chase & Elizabeth Cooper to Amt of $3.62 which are directed to be paid.

The following report to the monthly meeting was prepared -

Do Smithfield Monthly Meeting 1st mo 1824

Your School committee report. That we have expended, in schooling within the past year $26.54 leaving an unexpended Ballance of $8.60.

We recommend the continuance of the above Ballce; with the interest of the donation from Rachel Thayer, at the disposal of the School Committee.

(Signed) On behalf of the Com.
Daniel Inman

At a meeting of the School Committee at Arnold Buffums 5 mo 16 - 1824
Present 10 members
Clarke Smith's bill for schooling Children of Burgess J. Chase, Buffum Chase, Ruth Clemence and Elizabeth Cooper; Amounting to $5.47 - was presented - and is directed paid —

Daniel Inman and Rowland Rathbun are appointed a committee to visit Zebulon Spragues family - ascertain what progress his children have made in learning - and whether any of them can be sent to school by having their schooling paid. Also to inform Howland Slade that the Committee will pay the schooling of such of his children as can attend school; and report at the next meeting of this Committee. —

Arnold Buffum, John Osborne & John Kelley are appointed to visit Uriah Jillson Jr.s family and report at our next meeting, whether his children are recieving learning to fit them for business.

Adjourned to meet at Wm Buffums on the first day of the monthly meeting in the sixth month next.

6th month 27 1824 Met at Hm Buffums
Present 10 members.

The committee appointed to visit Zebulon Sprague's family report that they have attended to the service, and that there is a prospect that some of them will attend school.

The committee to visit Uriah Tillson Jr. family report, that they have visited them, and found their children tolerably well educated in school learning.

The election of a scholar to send to the Yearly Meeting boarding School, claiming our consideration, It is concluded to propose to the monthly meeting, to send Catharine Sprague - daughter of Zebulon Sprague for three months.

We adjourn to meet at Otis Bartletts on the first day following the monthly meeting in the ninth month next.

10 mo 3 - 1824 Met at Obs Bartlett's -
Present ten members -

We conclude to propose to the monthly meeting to send Elizabeth Buffum daughter of Arnold Buffum to the Yearly meeting Boarding School - for three months.

We also conclude to pay Eight dollars towards the expence of Continuing Catharine Sprague at said school for another quarter.

Adjourned to meet at George Read's - the first day after monthly meeting in the 12th month next.

1 mo 16 - 1825 Met at George Reads - present six members -

Provided Chase's bill for schooling children of Buffum Chase, Burgess T. Chase, Ruth Clemence & Elizabeth Cooper amounting to $7.97 is directed to be paid. -

Also Inman's bill for schooling children of Jeduthun Sprague - amt to $1.92

The following report to the mo meeting was adopted. - viz. -

To Smithfield mo meeting 1mo 1825

Your School Committee Report.

That we have been mindful of the duties entrusted to us for the past year, We have expended in Schooling $23.36 leaving a balance in our hands of $6.24 The continuance of which, with the interest of the donation from Rachel Thayer - at the disposal of the School Committee, we would recommend

In behalf of Committee
Rowland Kathbun

John Osborne, Job Chace, Wm Buffum jr, Wm Aldrich, Eli Bartlett, Philip Holden, Richard Cook jr, John Keller, Stephen Sherman Rowland Kathbun, Daniel Inman,

At a meeting of the School committee at John Osborne's 2d mo 13 - 1825 Present 6 members.

After considering the subjects coming under our care, we adjourn to meet at Wm Buffums on first day after mo meeting in 4th mo next. —

5 mo 1 - 1825 - Met at Wm Buffum's - Present 5 members - It is agreed to pay the Schooling of the Children of Ruth Clemence, Buffum Chase, & Benjs I Chase.

We adjourn to meet again at Wm Buffums on first day after mo meeting in 6th mo next. -

7 mo 3d - 1825 - Present Eleven members. —

We conclude to propose to the monthly meeting - to send Mary Smith, daughter of Saml Smith to the Y. M. B. School for three months

We adjourn to meet at Rowland Rathburn's on first after mo meeting in 9th mo next at 3 O'clock. P M. —

10 mo 2 - 1825 Met at R. Rathburn's - Present seven members - We conclude to propose to the monthly meeting - to permit Mary Smith

to remain at the Y. M. B. School for three months, after the expiration of her present quarter.

We conclude to pay Eight dollars towards the schooling of Julianna Kelley - daughter of Mark Kelley - at said School for three months.

We adjourn to meet at Walter Allen's on first day after mo meeting in 12th mo next.

1 mo 1 - 1826 Met at Walter Allens present 10 members - Bills were rec - from Providence Chase for schooling Children of Burtham Chase And Burgess S. Chase Amt to $8.54 And from Ruth-Ann Clemens for schooling Children of Ruth Clemens & Jo Ballou Amounting to $4.47 -

We conclude to pay Eight dollars towards the schooling of Ruth Ann Clemens at the boarding School at Providence for three mo -

The following report to the mo meeting was adopted.

To Smithfield mo meeting 1 mo 1826

Your School Committee report - That we have continued to meet from time to time through the year, and have endeavoured to pay the necessary attention to the duties of our appointment -

We have expended in schooling such children as appeared to us to need assistance $24. leaving a balance now in our hands of $ 1.24 - There are now two children at school at our expense. -

We recommend the continuance of $ balance with the Interest of the Donation of Rachel Thayer at the disposal of the school Committee -

In behalf of Committee
Job Chase
Mary B. Allen

At a meeting of the School Committee at John Jessamine's 4th mo. 9. 1826. Present nine members. It is agreed to pay the schooling of the children of Burgess Chase, Burgess Chase and Ruth Clemens, also of Stephen Wade's son of Rowland Wade.

We conclude to appropriate six dollars towards the schooling of Anna Inman, daughter of Daniel Inman - three months - at the Y. M. B. School

We adjourn to meet at Wm Buffums on first day after m° meeting in the 6th m° next.

4th mo 2. 1826 Met at Wm Buffums, present twelve members. We conclude to propose to the m° meeting to send Ruth Ann Clemens to the Y. M. B. School for three months. —

We also conclude to propose to send Thomas Chase, son of Burgess C. Chase for three months.

We adjourn to meet again at Rowland Rathbuns on first day after m° meeting in the 9th mo next.

12 mo 15 - 1826 Met at Rowland Rathbuns
Present six members -

Lydia Speares bill for Schooling
Stephen Slade - Amt. to $3.09 - was rec.d
and ordered paid. -

We adjourn to meet at Wm Buffums on
first day after mo. meeting in the 12th next

12th mo 31 - 1826 Met at Wm Buffums -
Present five members - The following
report to the mo meeting was adopted -
To Smithfield mo meeting 1 mo 1827
Your School Committee report -

That we have had frequent meetings
within the past year - And paid such at-
tention to the subjects of our care as cir-
cumstances seemed to require - We have ex-
pended $11.56 - Leaving a balance in our
hands of $9.68 - Which - with the interest of
the donation from Rachel Thayer - we recom-
mend to be placed at the disposal of the
School Committee - In behalf of Committee

Danl Inman
Wm Rathbun

4 mo 1- 1827 Met at John Osbornes - Present 14 members. Provided Chases bill for schooling Children of Buffum Chase & Burgess J. Chase Amt. to $2.47 was rec^d and ordered paid -

It is concluded to pay the schooling of such children as can attend suitable schools of the families of Buffum Chase, Ruth Clemence, Burgess J Chase - Joseph Ballou, Eben Bartlett, and Daniel Remington - also of Stephen Hadden of Rowland Slade -

Ichabod Cooke Jr, John Kelly, Job Chase, Rowland Rathbun, and Daniel Inman are appointed to inform the above families of this conclusion, and assist them in selecting schools to which to send -

We adjourn to meet at Job Chases on 1st day after 6^th mo meeting in the 6^th mo next -

6^th mo 1- 1828 - Met at Job Chases - Present 14 members - We conclude to propose to the mo meeting to send Alanson Kelly son of Mark Kelly to the F. M. B. School for three months.

Ruth Ann Clemences Bill for schooling Children of Ruth Clemence, and Joseph Ballou Amt. to $5.60 was rec^d and ordered paid -

We adjourn to meet at Daniel Inmans on first day after m^o^ meeting in the 9 m^o^ next —

9 m^o^ 30 - 1827 Met at Daniel Inmans - Present 7 members - We conclude to propose to the m^o^ meeting to Continue Alanson Kelley at the Y. M. B. School for three months after the expiration of his present term. —

It is concluded to pay the schooling of Stephen Batley's son - Amos P. Batley - four months -

We adjourn to meet at Rowland Rathbuns on first day after the m^o^ meeting in the 12 m^o^ next —

12 m^o^ 30 - 1827 - met at Rowland Rathbuns - Present 16 members - Mercy Smiths bill for schooling Stephen Slade - Amt^g^ to $1.44 — was rec^d^ and ordered paid —

We conclude to pay seven dollars towards the schooling of Gilbert Steere son Shadrach Steere - at the Y. M. B. School for three months.

The following report to the m^o^ meeting was prepared —

To Smithfield Monthly meeting 1mo 1828

Your School Committee upon ——

That we have paid bills for schooling Children within the past year Amtg to $6.81 leaving a Balance now in our hands of $13.19 And there are now a number of Children at school at our expense —

We recommend the continuance of the above balance with the Interest of the donation from Rachel Thayer at the disposal of the School Committee —

Signed In behalf of Committee
Daniel Inman
Mary B Allen —

At a meeting of the School committee at Burgess' 3mo 30 1828 present 12 members —

Thayer Bellows' bill for schooling Children of Ruth Clemence and Jo. Ballou Amtg. to $7.64 — was rec.d & ordered paid

It is concluded to pay the schooling of the Children of Burgess Chase, Burgess Chase, Ruth Clemence, Joseph Ballou and Lavi Lemington for Stephen Slade son of Howland Slade And Philip Walden, John Osborne & Daniel Inman's

appointed to inform them of this conclusion and lend such assistance as circumstances may require –

We adjourn to meet again at John Osbornes on first day after monthly meeting in the eighth month next –

6th mo. 29th 1828 Met at John Osbornes – present seven members – A bill for schooling Amos P. Battey Amtg to $1.50 was presented and ordered paid. –

We conclude to propose to the monthly meeting to send Amey Smith daughter of Paul Smith to the Y. M. B. School for six months. –

We also conclude to propose to send Mary Hodges daughter of Sewell Hodges for six months. –

We adjourn to meet again on first day after mo. meeting – in the 9th mo. next at Rowland Rathburns.

9th mo. 28 – 1828. Met at Rowland Rathburns – Present Nine members – Ebenezer Bairstows bill for schooling children of Daniel Remington amtg to $ 1.56 was presented and ordered paid. –

We adjourn to meet again on first day after monthly meeting in the 12th mo. next at Wm Buffums. –

12 mo. 28 - 1828 Met at Mo Buffums
Present fourteen members -
a bill from Sarah Smith for schooling
Stephen Slade - Amtg to 50 cents was presented
and ordered paid. -

We conclude to appropriate $12.50 to pay
the schooling of Mahala Chase - daughter of
Buffum Chase - at the Y. M. B. School for
three months - and Job Chase and Sybil Chase
are appointed to attend to the subject and if
they find nothing to hinder - leave her at
liberty to go. We adjourn to meet again at the
close of our next monthly meeting.

1 mo. 29 - 1829 - Met and adjourned to meet
again 2 mo. 15 - at Rowland Rathbuns. -

2 mo. 15 - 1829 Met at Rowland Rathbuns
present twelve members.

The committee in the case of Mahala Chase
going to the Y. M. B. School - report that they have
consulted with her parents on the subject - who
unite with the proposition - And she will accord-
ingly go -

The following report to the Monthly meeting was prepared.—

To Smithfield monthly Meeting 2 mo 1829

Your School committee report

That we have met several times during the past year, and endeavoured to pay the necessary attention to the duties of our appointment. We have paid towards the schooling of such Children as appeared to need our assistance $23.70. And there are bills not yet rec'd to about the amt of the balance of $9.47 which remains in our hands. We recommend the continuance of the interest of the donation from Rachel Thayer at the disposal of the School Committee —

Signed by Job Chace
and Elizabeth Smith

2 mo 15 - 1829

The following Minute of the Monthly Meeting held 26th 3m 1829 will show who stand as members of the School com.

The School com.t made the following Report which is audited and John Osborne, Asa Kelly, Rowland Rathbun, Otis Babbitt, Dutee B. Aldrich Ichabod Cooke Job Chace & Luke Aldrich are appointed a school committee for the ensuing year in conjunction with such friends & other Womens meeting may appoint to Report at the end of the Year — Our Womens meeting appointed the following friends — Mary B. Allen, Alice Rathbun, Ann L. Buffum, Elizabeth Smith, Sybil Chace, Hannah Aldrich, Eunice Kelly, Elizabeth A. Osborne & Sarah B. Shove

At a meeting of the School com.t at John Osborns 4th mo 5th 1829 present 8 members

John Osborne is appointed clerk of the com.t

There appearing nothing at this time to claim our immediate attention it is concluded to adjourn to first day after our next Monthly Meeting to met at Moses Aldrichs

3d of 5th Mo. 1829 Met according to adjourn
=ment at Moses Aldrich's present 13 members

Ruth Ann Clemens bill for schooling children
amounting to $5,85 was presented and it appea
=ing that $5.60 of it was allowed & paid in
the 7th Mo. 1st 1828 the balance due her of ,25 cts
is now directed to be paid.

It is concluded to pay the schooling of Stephen
Slade son of Hoxland two months longer if he shou
go — Also of Elizabeth Kelly daughter of Mark
& of James Kelly son of Dorcas Kelly for 3 months
each — And Asa Kelly is desired to inform Dorcas
of this conclusion & Elizabeth Osborn to have the
care of informing Mark Kelly in regard to his daugh
-ter —

Also concluded to pay the schooling of Benj
=amin Chace's daughter One child of Joseph Ballou
and two of Ruth Clemens & two of Samuel Bushee
for 3 months each & Job Chace & wife are desired to
inform them of this conclusion —

We conclude to propose to the monthly meeting to send Amos P. Bailey son of Stephen to the Y. M. B. School for 6 months

We also conclude to propose to send Jonathan L. Steere son of Shadrach Steere 6 months.

We adjourn to meet on first day after the Monthly meeting in the 9mo. next at Walter Allens.

27th of 9mo. 1829 met according to adjournment at Walter Allens present 13 members

Mercy P. Rathbun's bill of $1.37 for schooling Stephen Slade was presented allowed & an order given on the Mo. meetings Treas. for the same

Sam. Bushee's certificate was presented certifying that he had schooled two of his children 12 weeks each at the expence of this conf. amounting to $2 which is allowed & an order given on the Treas. for the same

Thurlow A. Albright's bill of $2 for schooling Eliza Kelly was presented allowed & an order on the Treas. given for the same

Asa Kelly informs that James Kelly son of Dorcas has been at school one quarter at the expence of this conf. amounting to $1.62

the clerk is dirited to give him an order on the Treas.r for that amount. —

We adjourn to meet on first day after the monthly meting in the 2mo. next at Rowland Rathburns. —

28th of 2mo. 1830 Met at Rowland Rathburns according to adjournment present 10 membs

Mahaled Chace's bill for schooling the children of Buffum Chace amounting to 71 cents is allowed and the clerk dirited to give an order on the Treasurer for the same

The following Report to the monthly meting was prepared and dirited to be presented

The School committee Report that we have attended to the duties of our appointment as far as circumstances seemd to require our attention and have drawn orders upon the monthly metings Treasurer for the payment of schooling such children as

appeared to need our assistance & which he has paid amounting to $6.99 which Sum is within $2.48 of the amount which the com^t. reported last year as being in their hands — We recommend the continuation of the Interest of the Rachel Thayer donation at the disposal of the School com^t. for the purposes for which it had Heretofore been applied

2m^o. 28. 1830

On behalf of the School com^t.
Job Chace
Elizabeth Smith

The following minute of the Monthly meeting held 25^th of 3m^o. 1830 shows who compose the School com^t. — "The School com^t. made the following Report which is accepted & Rowland Rathbun, Job Chace, Smith Battey, Moses Aldrich, Isaac Anthony John Osborne, William Aldrich, Asa Killy, Benjamin Briggs & Chad Smith — are appointed a School com^t. in conjunction with such friends as our Womens meeting may appoint for the ensuing year — — The womens meeting appointed the following

Mary B. Allen, Ann L Bassum, Elizabeth Smith
Phil Chace, Alice Rathbun, Hannah Aldrich, Eunice Killy
Eliza A. Osborn & Sarah B. Shoo —

At a meeting of the School Com^t. at John Osborns held 4^m^o 4th 1830 present 14 members —

John Osborn is appointed clerk to the Com^t.

It is concluded to pay the schooling of 2 children of Buffum Chace & two of Ruth Clemences for three months each & Job Chace & wife are desired to inform them of this conclusion — It is also concluded to pay the schooling of James Tilly son of Dorcas Tilly 3 months & Wm Aldrich is desired to inform Dorcas thereof — Also concluded to pay the schooling of Stephen Slade son of Howland 3 months & Chace Smith is desired to give the information to his mother & assist in getting him to school — Also of Elizabeth Tilly daughter of Mark Tilly for 3 months & John Osborn is appointed to inform her parents of this conclusion — It is the expectation of this committee that the schooling be accomplished within 6 months from this time —

Adjourned to meet at Job Chaces on first day after the monthly meeting in the 6 month next —

At a meeting of the school com.ee at Job Chace's 6m.o 27. 1830 present 11 members.

We conclude to propose to the monthly meeting to send Deborah Inman daughter of Daniel Inman 3 months to the boarding school at Providence provided she will keep her there 3 months longer on his own account.

We also propose Elizabeth Aldrich daughter of Moses Aldrich for 3 months he agreeing to add 3 months more on his own account.

Agreed to meet at Wm Aldrichs on first day of the the monthly meeting in the 9.mo.nth

Daniel Remington had an order on the Treasurer for $4,05 being the amount of a school bill for schooling his children as concluded on by the com.ee

At a meting of the School com.t at Wm Hancks
10m. 3. 1830. present 13 menbers

James Tilly, we are informed has attended school about 4 months, being about One month more than was provided for by our minute of 4m. last, which is now concluded to be paid — And the clerk is directed to give his mother an order on the Treasurer when she presents the bill therefor.

The clerk is also directed to give Mark Tilly an order on the Treasurer for the schooling of his daughter when he presents the bill therefor, we being informed she has nearly completed the time mentioned in our minute of 4m.

We are informed that Bussom Chace & Ruth Clem-mee have not availed themselves of the provision by us made for schooling their children, in consequence of a free school in the neighbourhood to which their children were sent.

Chad Smith informs us that Stephen Slade has not attended school, his parents declined accepting the offer made them for schooling him 3 months at our expence

It is concluded to propose to the Monthly Meeting to send James Tilly Son of Dorcas Tilly three months as a monthy Muting Scholar to the N. M. B. School his mother having placed him there for 3 months on her own account.

Also propose the sending of Moses Hoich Son of Amede Hoich on the monthly mutings account 3 months his father having already placed him at the School on his own account for 3 months.

It is concluded to place five Dollars at the disposal of Job Chace & Smith Batty to defray the expence of schooling Ruth Clemmce children and furnishing them with the necessary School books & little assistance in clothing them, as in their judgment may seem necessary and useful [illegible], provided it be expended within 6 months.

We adjourn to meet on first day after the monthly muting in the 2mo. next. at John Osborns.

At a meeting of the School comt. at John Osborn's 2d 27th of 2m: 1831 present 13 members

Rob Chace & Smith Batty Report that they have appropriated the 5 Dollars placed at their disposal agreably to the 10 m: last — The Clerk is directed to give them an order on the Treasurer for that Sum.

Bills have been paid by the Treasurer for Schooling Mark Killy's daughter One Dollar Dorcas Killy's son One Dollar & 50 cents & two bills to Rob Chace some time outstanding of, 97 cents

James Killy son of Dorcas Killy being now at the boarding School at Providence and it being considered by the comt that his continuance for a longer time than his present engagement would be of spiritual Service to him it is concluded to furnish Dorcas with the Six Dollars & 25 cents towards a Quarters schooling, She furnishing the balance so as to keep him there for this time and

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Rowland Rathbun is desired to give her the information & Report accordingly.

The following Report was prepared & the clerk directed to present the same to the monthly Meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting

The School com^t. Report that during the past year they have given what appeared to them to be the necessary attention to the duties of their appointment have expended $12,52 in schooling children that appeared to the com^t. to need assistance, which is less than has been appropriated some years, and has arisen in part from the establishment of free schools in this State — The com^t. are still of the opinion that the continuance of the income of the Rachel Thayer donation at the disposal of the School com^t. for the usual purposes of education would be beneficial to the poorer classes of society which we submit to the meetings disposal.

2m^o. 27. 1831.

On behalf of com^t.
Chad Smith
Alice Rathbun

The monthly Muting in the 3m: 1831
appointed the following friends a School com:
Rowland Rathbun, Shadrach Steere, Asa Killy
Chad Smith, Arnold Aldrich Smith Battey &
John Osborne to which were added in the
5m: 1st Chace James Payson & James
Comstock —

At a muting of the School committee at
John Osborne's 5th 6m: 19th 1831. present 11
members — John Osborne is appointed clerk —

Rowland Rathbun Reports that he gave Dan.
Killy the information that this com: had appropri
=ated $6,25 towards a quarters schooling of his
son James which he thankfully accepted —
and John Osborne is directed to call on the Treas
for that sum & pay to the Superintendant of
the Yearly m. B. School —

It is concluded to propose to the monthly
muting to send One of Shadrach Steers sons to
the Y. m. B. School for 6 months & Smith
Battey is desired to inform him thereof &

ascertain which he would prefer to Chase
go & give the name to the clerk previous to
the Mo. muting —

It is also concluded to propose the sending
of Lydia C. Aldrich daughter of William 3 months
on the Mo. muting account provided she will
keep her there 3 months longer at his own
expence — He to inform the clerk previous
to the Mo. muting

Concluded that Smith Batty be furnished
with $1.50 to purchase Books & Paper for the
children of Benjamin Chase.

We adjourn to meet at Rowland Rathbuns
on first day after the Mo. muting in the 7mo. next

At a muting of the School Com.t at Rowland
Rathbuns this 31st of 7mo. 1831 present 13 mem.bs

It is concluded to propose to the Monthly
muting the sending of one of Ephraim Coc.d
children to the Y. M. B. school for 3 months on
the Mo. muting account — provided he keeps
the child there 3 months longer on his own
account —

It is also concluded to propose to the monthly meeting the binding of Moses Aldrich son of Amos 3 months on the Mo. meetings account he agreeing to keep him three 3 months longer on his own acct.

Considering the destitute situation of Jamey Kelly son of Dorcas and the small means that she possesses to help him to an education suitable for business - We have thought that an appropriation of $6,25 more towards another quarter schooling at the Y.H. School of the income of the Rachel Thayer donation would be in conformity to the intention of the said Donor; Provided Dorcas makes up the residue herself the Clerk is authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the aforesaid sum & pay to the Superintendant of P. School

Adjourned to meet at Amos Aldrich's On first day after the Mo. meeting in the 9 Mo. next.

At a meeting of the School Comt. at Arnold Aldrichs held 10mo 2. 1831 present 10 members

It is concluded to propose to the Monthly meeting the sending of William Buffum son of Arnold Buffum 3 months to the Y. & B. School on the Mo. meetings account provided he keep him there 3 months longer on his own account & Rowland Rathbun is desired to inform him of this conclusion

Smith Bailey informs this meeting that Buffum Chace's children have been furnished with books &c to the amount of $1.50 as concluded on in the 6th Mo. last the clerk is directed to give him an order on the Mo. meetings Treas.r for the same.

It is concluded to appropriate 5 dollars of the R. Thayer donation towards the education of Ephraim Coe's children under the advice and direction of Arnold Aldrich either for the purpose of purchasing books & stationary or to assist in the keeping of a school in his family if that be practicable

Adjourned to meet at John Osborn's on first day after the Mo. meeting in the 2nd. next.

At a Muting of the School com^{t}. at John Osborne's Feb^{y} 2m^{o} 26th 1832 present 13 members

The following Report was prepaid & directed to be presented to next Monthly Muting —

To Smithfield M^{o}. muting —

The School com^{t}. Report that during the past Year We have attended to the duties of our appointment, and have appropriated $19 in Schooling such Children as appeard to the com^{t}. to need assistance — We are still of the opinion that the continuance of the income of the Rachel Thayer donation to be applied to the purposes of educating the poor will be a beneficial application of the fund — which we submit to the muting's disposal —

Smithfield 2m^{o} 26. 1832 — On behalf of Com^{t}. Chad Smith, Eunice Kelly

At a meeting of the School committee at Lake Aldricks held 4m. 29. 1832 present 9 members

John Osborne is appointed clerk

It is concluded to place 5 Dollars in the hands of Rowland Rathbun & John Osborne to purchase Books and Stationary for the children of a few friends as they may on inquiry find necessary to enable them to attend schools to better advantage.

Adjourned to meet at Rowland Rathbuns on first day after the monthly meeting in the 6mo. next.

At a Meeting of the School com^t held at Rowland Rathbuns 7^m: 1. 1832 present 14 o

It is concluded to propose to the Monthly Meeting to send Mary B. Chace daughter of Buffum Chace to the Yearly Meeting boarding School 6 months on the M^o meetings account

It is concluded to appropriate $12,50 of the income of the Rachel Thayer fund to the payment of a quarters schooling at the F. M. B. School of Dorcas A. Killy daughter of David Killy provided he will keep her there another Quarter at his own expence, and Catharine Comstock & Luke Aldrich are appointed to consute him thereon and report the result to our next meeting

Adjourned to meet at Waldo Earle's on first day after the Monthly meeting in the 9^m: next.

At a Meeting of the School com^t held at Waldo Eaulis 30th of 9^mo 1832 — present 10 members

Luke & Aldrich & Catherine Comstock Report that they have consulted with David Nilly respecting his keeping his daughter at the Yearly Meeting boarding School three months on his own account on receiving the pay for a quarter from the Rachel Thayer fund and that he would thankfully comply with the proposition The clerk is directed to pay the superintendent the $12,50 On his entering the School —

The five dollars placed at the disposal of Hezekiah Aldrich to assist Ephraim Coe has been appropriated according to the direction in the Minute of 10^mo 1831 —

Adjourned to meet at John Osborns on the first day after the 11^mo meeting in the 2^mo month next

At a Meeting of the School com^t. held at John Osbornes 3^mo 17^th present 11 members —

The time to which the meeting stood adjourned being very inclement it was concluded by the few present to put it off till this time —

The following report being agreed upon the clerk is directed to forward it to the monthly meeting —

The School com^t. Report that they attended to the duties confided to them by their appointment; But from the establishment of free Schools in this State the circumstances of schooling children have been materially altered, so that for the past Year we have made no appropriation of the fund for the schooling of children in little Schools, under the care and management of friends as heretofore — We have applied $12.50 to the payment of a Quarters schooling of a friends child at the Friends Manl. boarding School — We have thought it proper to bring the subject thus distinctly before the consideration of the Meeting so

as to enable them to judge of the propriety of continuing to the School comt. they may appoint the authority to use the fund or any part of it according to the best of their judgment for the purposes of education.—
To the Monthly Meeting to be held 28th of 3mo. 1833 Signed On behalf of comt. Rowland Redman
Abigail Inman

At a Meeting of the School Comt. held at Asa Tillys 8mo. 25. 1833 present 11 members
John Osborne is appointed Clerk

It is concluded to propose to the Monthly Meeting the Lending of Emma Shuffild daughter of Ann Shuffild to the F. M. B. School 6 months on the Monthly Meetings account, Alice Rathbun & Eliza Osborn are appointed to inform her of this conclusion & ascertain whether it be agreeable to her for her daughter to go to that School in the manner proposed — And if it be found to be satisfactory the Clerk is desired to lay it before the Mo. Meeting —

The Clerk is directed to draw on the Monthly Meetings Treasurer for the amount of Stephen Hadley Schooling due Rebecca Bartlett & pay the same to her being about 8 weeks

It is concluded to pay for the schooling of Russum Chace's son One Dollar & the Clerk is directed to draw an order on the Treasurer for that sum and hand it to Smith Battey for that purpose

Adjourned to meet at John Osborne's on first day after the Monthly meeting in the 10th Month next.

At a Meeting of the School Comt held 11mo 3 1833 at John Osborne present 5 members The time of this meeting has been occupied in considering subjects connected with our appointment but was not opening for ailing on any thing definitely we concluded to adjourn to first day after the Monthly Meeting in the 2mo next at Rowland Rathbun's

At a Meeting of the School Com.
held 3mo. 2d. 1834 at Rowland Rathbuns
present 7 members —

The following Report was agreed to and
the Clerk directed to lay the same before the
next Monthly Meeting. —

At a muting of the School com. held
9 mo. 7th 1834 at John Osborns present
15 members ——

John Osborn is appointed Clerk to the com.

It is concluded to propose to the monthly
muting the sending of Mariah Harvey
daughter of Spaulding Harvey to the Y. M.
B. School Committee on this mutings and
Asa Kelly & Catharine Comstock are
desired to consult Spaulding on the subject
and ascertain whether he be willing that
his daughter go in this way. ——

Adjourned to meet at 10 oclock in the
morning of the day of our next monthly
muting at the muting house ——

At a meeting of the School comt held
9 mo. 25th 1834 at the meeting house
present 13 members

Asa Tilly informs he has consulted Friends
ding Having in regard to sending his daughter
to the Boarding School at Providence & finds
him willing to have her go as a Monthly
Meeting Scholar - John Osborne is desired
to lay the case before the Mo. meeting
Rowland Rathbun & John Osborne are
appointed to consult with Otis Bartlett
in regard to giving him some assistance
to educate his Son William from the
income of the Rachel Thayer donation
& Report to our next Meeting

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on
the morning of next Mo. meeting day
at the Meeting house

At a muting of the School com^t. at the Muting House 10^th Mo. 30. 1834 present 10 mem^b

This com^t. to consult Otis Bachelder in regard to furnishing him with some means to School his Son William inform they have had an opportunity with him & he thinks he can Spare him to go to the Yearly M. B. School some little time since — We therefor appropriate 15 Dollars of the income of the Rachel Thayer donation to pay on quarterly Schooling and the Clerk is directed to draw on the Treasurer for that Sum and apply it for that purpose.

Reuben Chace & Smith Battey are appointed to furnish Such School Books to the Children of Ruth Clemmence as they may Stand in need of.

Adjourned to meet at the Muting house at 10 Oclock on the morning of monthly Muting in the 3 month next.

Met agreeable to adjournment at the Meeting House 3mo. 26th 1835 present 9 members

Russum Chace & Smith Batty report they have furnished Ruth Clemmer with School Books for her children to the amount of 90 cents which sum the clerk is directed to give them an order for on the Monthly Meeting's Treas.

The following Report was concluded on and the Clerk directed to lay the same before the Monthly Meeting.

At a Meeting of the School Comtee held at the Meeting House 27th of 8mo. 1835 present 10 members —

John Osborne is appointed Clerk of this comtee during his being occupied in the consideration of Subjects connected with the duties of our appointment — We conclude to adjourn the meet at Walter Allens on first day proceeding our next 2d mo. meeting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon —

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at Walter Allens 9mo. 20. 1835, present 12 members —

It is concluded to propose to the Monthly Meeting Elsa Aldrich daughter of Peleg Aldrich as a Scholar to the 4th Qr. Boarding School for 3 months he paying for 3 months more if so at the keep them 6 months at the School — Also concluded to propose to the Monthly Meeting that Easton Clemmer Son of Ruth Clemmer

means 3 months Schooling at the Boarding
School on the Mo. meetings acct. And this
committee appropriate 15 Dollars of the in-
come of the Rachel Thayer donation to the
payment of another quarters Schooling for
him, with this condition, that Burgess Chace
and Smith Paty or visiting the family find that
Ruth is unable to advance any part thereof.
But if she is able & willing to pay any
part of the Quarters Schooling, such part
to be deducted from Sd. 15 Dollars & the Clerk
is hereby authorized & directed to draw on the
Treasurer for the Amt. —

adjourned to meet at the meeting House
in the 10th Mo. next at 10 o'clock, Monthly
Meeting day. —

At a meeting of the School Comt. held 28th of 2mo.
1836 at Rowland Rathbuns present 13 members —
The following report was agreed upon & the
Clk directed to present the same to the Mo. meetg

At a Muting of the School Comt. held the 14th of 8 m.
1836 at John Osborn's present 7 members

John Osborne is appointed Clerk to this Muting

It is concluded to propose to the Monthly muting
Hannah Bassett daughter of the Widow Anna
Bassett as a Suitable Scholar to go to the
Yearly Muting Boarding School 6 months

on the 12th Meeting's account—

Adjourned to meet at 10 O clock on the 2d Morning of Monthly Meeting day in the 3rd next.

(1) Strict, tho' not passionate Discipline, according to the foregoing Rules, and it is expected all persons who send their Children will be confined to this government accordingly

2 That the School begin at the 9: hour in the morning & hold till the 12: & at 2 in the afternoon & hold till five, Until the 20: of the 3: Month; from which time to the 20: of the 9: Month to begin at the 8: hour in the morning & hold till the 12, & at 2 in the afternoon & hold till 5 — unless occasion make it necessary for the Master to alter these times

And altho' the Scriptures of Truth, are the principal Books to be read in the School, being as saith the Apostle, able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, and are profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, for Instruction in right-teousness, that the Man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works, 2. Tim. Chap 3. verse 15, 16. 17. Nevertheless, there are other Books which may be useful to read: the Master may occasionally direct such parts of Wm. Penns No Cross, no Crown, and Reflections & Maxims, Robert Barclay's Apology & Catechism; & Piety promoted, with such other School Books, Epistles, and Letters, as he may think best.

And as it is necessary that the Master have the government of his School, in order to their being well educated: he is to keep up a

unless Sickness, or unavoidable necessity pre-
-vent, & if any fail in this Duty let enquiry
be immediately made for the cause, and every
necessary method be used to detect & discountenance
every inclination in them, to screen and hide
their misconduct in this, or any other instance,
by that mean, & scandalous practice, of quibling,
equivocating, & lying; Vices, which they should
know are detestable in the sight of Almighty
God & good men, and more worthy of Correction
than even a neglect of their Books; — while can-
-dour sincerity & integrity are more worthy, &
should be encouraged, that they may be truly virtuous

And above all let frequent opportunity be
taken, & every Occasion employed to inculcate on
their tender minds the necessity & advantage to them-
-selves, both present & future, of strictly observing
every Social, moral, & Christian Duty; and let
any breach thereof be more severely reprov'd than
any other neglect.

And

Thou, & thee, in their proper places; & to call
the Days of the week, & Months of the year, by
their Numerical Order, and each otherly
their proper Names, according to the practice
of the Apostles; avoiding all Nick-Names,
terms of reproach, and every other rude, or
unmanly expression

6th:— That in their hours of leisure they shall
observe Modesty, & Sobriety, endeavouring to use
such exercise of Body Only, as may preserve
their minds in Sweetness to each other, that friend-
ship & harmony may dwell amongst them, &
they thereby learn to love, & prefer each
others Company, in preference to any rude
wicked Children, who they are strictly enjoined
not to associate with

7th: That they shall all come to School on mornings
& afternoons to attend Meetings, when held there.

8.

And if he does not Correct them, or if they have
any Cause of Complaint against the Mas-
-ter, they may lay the same before One, or more
of the School Committee, who will take no-
-tice thereof at their next Meeting, to reconcile, &
settle the same

3: That in going to, & from School, every
one shall behave with decency & sobriety,
without giving the least cause & offence to any.

4: As cleanliness is not only decent, but
necessary for health, the Scholars are to be care-
-ful in that respect, and meet the School-
-house every day, in turn, as the Master may
appoint

5: That in all their Conversation, whether in or
out of School, they shall use the plain, Scrip-
ture Language, of the singular number
to one person; & be careful to place the word

Rules for the Regulation of the School to be held at Smithfield Lower Meeting-House

1st That the Scholars carefully observe to beat the School at the appointed times.— That none presume to absent themselves without leave of one of their Parents, or the Person under whose Care they may be placed and producing a Certificat therof to the Master, unless he is otherwise accounted with the reason of such absence

2nd That strict obedience shall be paid to the Monitors, in discharge of their Office — And that none shall take the liberty to enter into any disputes with them; but those who may (after deliberate consideration) think themselves aggrieved, shall make their Complaints to the Master, and

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3mo 5	Paid	Buffum Chase	1.23	
5mo 12	"	Shadrach Steere	5.46	
9mo 28	"	John Thornton	4.00	
11mo 31	"	Dan'l Sisson	3.00	
	"	Buffum Chase	3.17	16.86